**DOCKET NO.:** 302203.1 / MSFT-1734 PATENT

**Application No.:** 10/606,343

Office Action Dated: October 27, 2005

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

## **Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A method in combination with first and second tables of data, the first table organizing a first type according to a first attribute, and a second table organizing a second type according to a second attribute, the method comprising:

modeling a first measure according to the first type of the first table;
modeling a first dimension according to the second attribute of the second
table; and

tying the first measure to the first dimension by, for each entry of the first attribute, allocating the entry to each entry of the first dimension in accordance with a first approximation predetermined manner.

(original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 modeling a second dimension according to the first attribute of the first table;

tying the first measure to the second dimension according to the first attribute of the first table to allow the first measure to be analyzed by the second dimension according to the first attribute.

- 3. (original) The method of claim 1, comprising modeling a first measure according to the first type of the first table, the first table comprising data stored in a relational database.
- 4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, comprising allocating <u>all of</u> the entry to every one of select entries of the first dimension.
- 5. (original) The method of claim 1, comprising allocating a portion of the entry to each of select entries of the first dimension.

**DOCKET NO.:** 302203.1 / MSFT-1734 **PATENT** 

**Application No.:** 10/606,343

Office Action Dated: October 27, 2005

6. (original) The method of claim 5, comprising allocating an even portion of the entry to each of select entries of the first dimension.

7. (original) The method of claim 5, comprising allocating a proportional portion of the entry to each of select entries of the first dimension.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, comprising allocating <u>all of</u> the entry to a pre-determined principal entry of the first dimension.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

modeling a second measure according to the second type of the second table; modeling a second dimension according to the first attribute of the first table;

and

tying the second measure to the second dimension by, for each entry of the second attribute, allocating the entry to each entry of the second dimension in <u>accordance</u> with a second <u>approximation</u> predetermined manner.

- 10. (original) The method of claim 9, further comprising tying the second measure to the first dimension according to the second attribute of the second table to allow the second measure to be analyzed by the first dimension according to the second attribute.
- 11. (currently amended) A computer readable medium having stored thereon computer readable instructions in combination with first and second tables of data, the first table organizing a first type according to a first attribute, and a second table organizing a second type according to a second attribute, the computer readable instructions for performing the following steps:

modeling a first measure according to the first type of the first table;

modeling a first dimension according to the second attribute of the second

table; and

**DOCKET NO.:** 302203.1 / MSFT-1734

**Application No.:** 10/606,343

Office Action Dated: October 27, 2005

tying the first measure to the first dimension by, for each entry of the first attribute, allocating the entry to each entry of the first dimension in accordance with a first approximation predetermined manner.

**PATENT** 

12. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 11, further comprising instructions for performing the following steps:

modeling a second dimension according to the first attribute of the first table; and

tying the first measure to the second dimension according to the first attribute of the first table to allow the first measure to be analyzed by the second dimension according to the first attribute.

- 13. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 11, comprising instructions for performing the step of modeling a first measure according to the first type of the first table, the first table comprising data stored in a relational database.
- 14. (currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 11, comprising instructions for performing the step of allocating <u>all of</u> the entry to every one of select entries of the first dimension.
- 15. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 11, comprising instructions for performing the step of allocating a portion of the entry to each of select entries of the first dimension.
- 16. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 15, comprising instructions for performing the step of allocating an even portion of the entry to each of select entries of the first dimension.

DOCKET NO.: 302203.1 / MSFT-1734 PATENT

**Application No.:** 10/606,343

Office Action Dated: October 27, 2005

17. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 15, comprising instructions for performing the step of allocating a proportional portion of the entry to each of select

entries of the first dimension.

18. (currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 11, comprising

instructions for performing the step of allocating all of the entry to a pre-determined principal

entry of the first dimension.

19. (currently amended) The computer readable medium of claim 11, further

comprising instructions for performing the following steps:

modeling a second measure according to the second type of the second table;

modeling a second dimension according to the first attribute of the first table;

and

tying the second measure to the second dimension by, for each entry of the

second attribute, allocating the entry to each entry of the second dimension in accordance

with a second approximation predetermined manner.

20. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 11, further comprising

instructions for performing the step of tying the second measure to the first dimension

according to the second attribute of the second table to allow the second measure to be

analyzed by the first dimension according to the second attribute.

21. (currently amended) A system in combination with first and second tables of

data, the first table organizing a first type according to a first attribute, and a second table

organizing a second type according to a second attribute, the system comprising:

a processor operative to execute computer executable instructions; and

memory having stored therein computer executable instructions for

performing the following steps:

modeling a first measure according to the first type of the first table;

PATENT

**DOCKET NO.:** 302203.1 / MSFT-1734

**Application No.:** 10/606,343

Office Action Dated: October 27, 2005

modeling a first dimension according to the second attribute of the second table; and

tying the first measure to the first dimension by, for each entry of the first attribute, allocating the entry to each entry of the first dimension in accordance with a first approximation predetermined manner.

22. (original) The system of claim 21, further comprising computer executable instructions for performing the following steps:

modeling a second dimension according to the first attribute of the first table; and

tying the first measure to the second dimension according to the first attribute of the first table to allow the first measure to be analyzed by the second dimension according to the first attribute.

- 23. (original) The system of claim 21, comprising computer executable instructions for performing the step of modeling a first measure according to the first type of the first table, the first table comprising data stored in a relational database.
- 24. (currently amended) The system of claim 21, comprising computer executable instructions for performing the step of allocating <u>all of</u> the entry to every one of select entries of the first dimension.
- 25. (original) The system of claim 21, comprising computer executable instructions for performing the step of allocating a portion of the entry to each of select entries of the first dimension.
- 26. (original) The system of claim 25, comprising computer executable instructions for performing the step of allocating an even portion of the entry to each of select entries of the first dimension.

**DOCKET NO.:** 302203.1 / MSFT-1734

**Application No.:** 10/606,343

Office Action Dated: October 27, 2005

27. (original) The system of claim 25, comprising computer executable instructions for performing the step of allocating a proportional portion of the entry to each of select

**PATENT** 

entries of the first dimension.

28. (currently amended) The system of claim 21, comprising computer executable

instructions for performing the step of allocating all of the entry to a pre-determined principal

entry of the first dimension.

29. (currently amended) The system of claim 21, further comprising computer

executable instructions for performing the following steps:

modeling a second measure according to the second type of the second table;

modeling a second dimension according to the first attribute of the first table;

and

tying the second measure to the second dimension by, for each entry of the

second attribute, allocating the entry to each entry of the second dimension in accordance

with a second approximation predetermined manner.

30. (original) The system of claim 29, further comprising computer executable

instructions for performing the step of tying the second measure to the first dimension

according to the second attribute of the second table to allow the second measure to be

analyzed by the first dimension according to the second attribute.

Page 7 of 11